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Sent:

Tuesday, July 28, 2015 1:09 PM

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'Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta)'

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Duncan, Todd (CMG-Atlanta)

Subject:

RE: Ped bridge questions

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Dan

Approval of the design concept is on the agenda tonight. Upon design approval, the project team will complete the study and make final recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. Cost, funding and timeline for the project will be included as part of the final recommendations.

When he receives the final recommendations, Chairman Lee will be able to comment on all of your questions below. Pedestrian safety is paramount and it will carefully addressed.

Kellie

From: Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta) [mailto:Dan.Klepal@ajc.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 12:43 PM

To: Brownlow, Kellie

Cc: Duncan, Todd (CMG-Atlanta) **Subject:** RE: Ped bridge questions

The questions were also directed to Hankerson and DiMassimo. But they are completely legitimate questions to ask the chairman of the county.

The public has been told from the beginning that the bridge would be open for the first pitch of 2017. The state has deemed the bridge – and circulator – as critical to the safety of pedestrians and orderly flow of traffic around the stadium on game days. It is completely appropriate to ask the chairman about the impact of the delay in opening the bridge, and what the county's plans are to deal with pedestrian safety and traffic issues that will result.

And please note, I am writing this in an attempt to give you a fair opportunity to answer legitimate questions posed to the chairman, rather than just quoting you saying he is not "involved at this level."

Thanks for considering my questions a second time.

DK

From: Brownlow, Kellie [mailto:Kellie,Brownlow@cobbcounty.org]

Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 12:32 PM

To: Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta)
Cc: Duncan, Todd (CMG-Atlanta)
Subject: RE: Ped bridge questions

Dan

The additional questions you posed are technical questions. Chairman Lee is not actively involved at this level. These questions can be directed to County Manager, David Hankerson. Mr. Hankerson manages all department heads.

Thank you

Kellie

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Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 12:06 PM

To: DiMassimo, Faye; Lee, Tim; lee8007@bellsouth.net; Hankerson, David; Brownlow, Kellie

Cc: Duncan, Todd (CMG-Atlanta) **Subject:** RE: Ped bridge questions

One additional question: it appears the project construction schedule is now October 2015 with completion by September 2017. Is that correct? If so, what has caused the change?

From: Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta)
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 10:00 AM

To: 'DiMassimo, Faye'; Lee, Tim (TLee@cobbcounty.org); lee8007@bellsouth.net; Hankerson, David

(David.Hankerson@cobbcounty.org); Brownlow, Kellie (Kellie.Brownlow@cobbcounty.org)

Cc: Duncan, Todd (CMG-Atlanta)
Subject: RE: Ped bridge questions

A few additional questions, again for staff and the chairman. My deadline is 4 p.m. today:

- The AE Com contract requires month reports to the county. I placed a records request asking for all monthly reports and was told there are no response records. Why is this requirement not being enforced?
- What type of reinforcement is needed for the parking deck to which the bridge will attach. Steel? Concrete? Again, what are the cost estimates?
- What are the updated cost estimates for the project? The county is still using a cost estimate from 18 months ago that Ms. DiMassimo has called "conceptual." Why is the public not being given updated information related to cost?

Thank you,

DK

From: Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta)
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2015 6:25 PM

To: 'DiMassimo, Faye'; Lee, Tim (TLee@cobbcounty.org); lee8007@bellsouth.net; Hankerson, David

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Cc: Duncan, Todd (CMG-Atlanta)
Subject: Ped bridge questions

Faye and Tim:

Please consider these questions posed to both of you. These questions are based on meeting minutes from July 7, 2015 with Galleria officials:

- How does the Galleria Deck need to be strengthened to support the transit vehicle? Is that cost part of the \$9M cost estimate. How much will strengthening the deck cost?
- The meeting minutes say the county has "selected" a 30-foot "circulator vehicle" When did that occur. Doesn't the vehicle have to be approved by the entire BOC?
- How many parking spaces will be lost?
- Galleria officials are considering making parking spots on Galleria Deck as VIP parking for conventions and the future hotel. Does that mean that Braves fans using the bridge will have to access it through a parking garage in which they are not allowed to park?
- What security measures will be in place? How much will those cost?

For Lee:

- What is the purpose of the bridge presentation to the Galleria authority Wednesday?
- Will the board be asked to approve an agreement?
- What is the agreement?

Thank you,

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